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City prepares for La Sierra westbound onramp closure on Riverside Freeway (SR 91), Nov. 12 - 21

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Drivers should plan alternate routes if they use the Riverside Freeway's westbound onramp at La Sierra Avenue starting at 8 p.m., Wednesday, through 4 p.m., Nov. 21. The ramp closure is required to raise and realign the freeway ramp to the new bridge.

In addition, Montlake Drive will be closed between La Sierra Avenue and Town and Country Drive starting at 6 a.m., Nov. 18, through 4 p.m., Nov. 20. Neighborhood access will remain available from Magnolia Avenue via Skylark Drive.

During the ramp closure, La Sierra Avenue will remain open. Delays are expected. All businesses will remain accessible. If possible, drivers should use alternate routes, such as Tyler, Magnolia or Pierce Streets during the closures.

The \$38-million project to replace the existing La Sierra Avenue bridges over both the freeway and the railroad tracks with six-lane bridges will reduce traffic congestion. New dual left-turn lanes onto the freeway will make it easier for vehicles to access Highway 91, while ramps will be widened from two to three lanes.

The project is expected to be completed by summer 2009.

For more information, call the City of Riverside Public Works Department at (951) 826-5760 or the city's call center at (951) 826-5311.

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